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Today's Short Story

A Girl on the Box

"A LOVE story in my life," said the ex-stage driver. "You bet. It happened on the last drive I made, and that drive was between Virginia City and Sacramento. At that time there was frequent stage robberies of the Wells Fargo express treasure owing to the fact that some one connected with the company was passing word to the road agents whenever gold dust was to be shipped.

"Well, one day a lot of treasure boxes was hoisted aboard the stage and the inside was full of passengers when a little schoolma'am from New England came a-trippin' along from the tavern, makin' straight for us. When she came up I was on the box and told her the coach was full.

"What'd the little gal do, but climb right up beside me! The express agent who was superintending the loading of the boxes told her she couldn't go on that coach. But I tipped the leaders on the ears, and we were off. We'd gone past the second relay when suddenly, on makin' a turn around a bluff, a man stepped out and said good naturally: 'I'll take your Wells Fargo freight if you please!'

"You'll find it in the boot," I remarked, pullin' in.

"The feller had no rifle, but I knew that his pals was coverin' me from behind the bushes. He went to the boot, unstrapped the cover, and one by one his backers joined him and helped him come up front and said he'd take the mail bag if I didn't mind. I reached under my seat, pulled it out and dropped it down to him.

"By this time the boxes was un-

loaded on the grass beside the coach. The robbers was tryin' to get off the covers by ripplin' 'em up with their knives when all of a sudden there was a crackin' o' rifles from within the coach. Four road agents toppled over, one tried to crawl into the bushes, and three ran. The schoolma'am threw her arms around me.

"You see, the company had sent the coach out for a decoy. A few days before they had let it leak out that on that date they would send \$50,000 worth o' dust over the road. Of course this was reported to the band, who lay in wait to relieve us o' the treasure. The boxes were filled with sand, and in every seat inside the coach sat a man with a concealed gun. They had a leader, who watched till the agents got careless, when he gave the word to fire and scooped the party.

"The men in the coach got out, examined the dead, took in the only man left and signaled me to drive on.

"I was very much mortified," I said to the gal, "at what appeared the bad manners o' the men in the coach not makin' way for you when you got on. But, you see, to have had a woman in that party would have spoiled the game. The express agent knew what was a-goin' to happen and tried to stop you goin' with us, but when you climbed up here so confident-like I hadn't the heart to make you get down."

"I dropped her off at her station. When I got back to Virginia City the Wells Fargo superintendent asked me why I consented to let a gal go on such an expedition. To throw the road agents off their guard, I told him they'd never suspect danger with a little chick like that perched on the box. The idea struck him all o' a heap, and when the wounded robber said that's what finished 'em the superintendent drew me a check for \$1,000 as a reward for my foresight.

"I entered a quarter section, bought farmer's implements with the money and married the schoolma'am."

Sometimes a married man dislikes to visit people who try to make him feel at home.

After the big river is sufficiently improved, railroad feeders will be a necessity.

Living straight is like building a

STRIKERS ENTRENCHED WAITING FOR SOLDIERS

Miners Capture Chandler Coal Camp After All Day's Battle Yesterday.

LOSSES ESTIMATED AT FROM FOUR TO 30 DEAD

Heavy Explosions Heard But Wires Are Out and Details Missing.

Canon City, Colo., April 27.—Two hundred and fifty state militiamen, commanded by Adjutant General John Chase, arrived here at 9 a. m. today and immediately started for Chandler to give battle to 800 miners, who have taken possession of the Victor-American Fuel company's mine and are entrenched there. The strikers are heavily armed and bloodshed is almost certain to mark the meeting.

Before the militiamen entrained here they captured and disarmed E. Blatnik, a striker. He attempted to run, but the soldiers brought him down with a bullet in the arm.

Denver and Rio Grande railroad train men refused to man the train carrying the troops to Chandler, and Assistant Superintendent Gray ran the engine.

Vigilantes patrolled the streets of Canon City last night and a heavy guard also was thrown about the power and lighting plants.

Strikers were entrenched at Chandler, seven miles away, and 200 soldiers, commanded by Adjutant General John Chase, were enroute for that point today.

Eight hundred striking coal miners, heavily armed and with plenty of ammunition, were prepared to fight the troops.

The miners captured the Chandler coal camp of the Victor-American Fuel company yesterday after an all day battle. Estimates of the fatalities ranged from four to 30. Those reported dead were:

Charles King, a guard.
Engineer John Thomas.
Robert Prince.
Charles Dinich.

All the telephone and telegraph wires to the scene of the conflict were cut and it was impossible today to get details of the exact situation. Heavy explosions were heard last night at the Chandler and Royal Gorge mines. It was believed here that the strikers had dynamited the Chandler triple and had attacked the Royal Gorge mine.

A refugee arrived here today from Chandler. He charged the strikers had used the recent truce to gain points of vantage and had then fired on the guards and captured Chandler. The strikers, he asserted, were wearing Red Cross badges.

Mozart Lewis, pit boss at the Chandler mine, says the guards surrendered when they exhausted their ammunition. He declared eight mine guards were missing and also believed that a number of strikers were slain.

Firing Is Reported.

Trinidad, Colo., April 25.—Telephoning to Trinidad from Spruce Camp, Marshal Massengale announced that strikers and guards exchanged shots there today. The strikers, he said, started the firing, but withdrew when the guards replied.

Governor Called a Traitor.

Denver, Colo., April 27.—That 20 men who started yesterday in automobiles from Pueblo to inspect radium deposits were attacked near Florence by strikers entrenched in the hills and 500 shots exchanged, was reported here today. Three automobilists were slightly injured.

Five thousand persons attended a mass meeting on the state house lawn here yesterday and adopted resolutions denouncing the Ludlow massacre. They branded Governor Ammons and Lieutenant Governor Fitzgerald as "traitors to the people and accessories

to the murder of babies." They also demanded that the legislature impeach both officials named, or the people would recall both "as false to their oaths and to God."

COFFROTH COMPARES RITCHIE WITH 'OLD MASTER' GANS

San Francisco, April 27.—In response to a telegram sent him by an eastern sporting editor asking that he make a comparison between Willie Ritchie and the champions of the past, James W. Coffroth, fight promoter, sent the following answer:

"I have seen lightweight champions McLaughlin, Lavigne, Erne, Gans, Nelson and Wolgast, and of that brilliant bunch I place Joe Gans at the head of them all.

"I have seen Ritchie in all his big contests on the coast, and while I was always favorably impressed with his work, it remained for his masterly defeat of Tommy Murphy to put him, in my estimation, alongside of the peerless Gans. Had I a pedestal here with the 'old master' on it, I would be inclined to move Joe over a bit so that Ritchie could share some of his honors.

"He has two things that go to make a champion—the punch and the ability to take one. In both of these attributes he excels most of his predecessors. Add a great head, gameness, a calm demeanor under fire, and you have a youth who has come naturally to the top of his class and whose clean living habits are likely to keep him there for some time to come.

"Ritchie would have beaten McLaughlin handily, stopped Lavigne, proved too strong for Erne, had a rough time with the battler, and you all know the result of his contests with Wolgast. I have purposely omitted Gans, because the two I would rather have you judge. That's my opinion of Willie Ritchie as lightweight champion."

ARBITERS IN SESSION AT WASHINGTON

Washington, April 27.—The diplomatic representatives here of Argentina, Brazil and Chile were in conference this afternoon relative to their procedure in connection with the mediation of difference between the United States and Mexican governments.

Though it was known that both President Wilson and General Huerta had accepted the mediation proposals, European diplomats in Washington were not hopeful of a satisfactory outcome from the negotiations. They were afraid, in the first place, that overt acts would upset them while in progress, and, in the second, if a basis of settlement could ever be agreed on except by force of arms.

The Washington administration was more hopeful and the South American "A. B. C." representatives said outspokenly that while they realized their task was a hard one, they were confident of success.

Paternal Wisdom.



Tommy—Pa, what is concentrated
lye? Mr. Tucker—it's the short and
ugly word, Tommy. Don't bother me.
—St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

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Daddy's Bedtime

The Big Dog
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The Children Fell
Into the Water.

DADDY had never told Jack and Evelyn about the great, big dog who had been awarded a medal for having rescued two children. When daddy suggested telling them this story they were very eager to hear it at once.

"You see," commenced daddy, "this big dog saved the children's lives in the winter. Every night I've meant to tell you this story, and every night some other story has come to my mind first.

"The other day they gave the dog this medal, and so I decided I must not put off telling you the story any longer.

"The medal was made just for the dog. It was of bronze, engraved with his name and the date when he saved the children. It had a clasp on it, so it could be attached to his collar.

"And now I will tell you the story. Way back in the winter two children were skating on a pond. It was a blustery, snowy afternoon, and they were the only ones on the ice.

"This big dog I'm telling you about was taking a good run on this cold winter's day when he spied the children on the pond.

"He went down to the pond and ran across it a little way, but the ice had a bad way of creaking, and he was sure it was not so very firm. He decided that he had better stay around to see that nothing happened to the children.

"He had been there but a moment or two when a terrific crack in the ice sounded. It gave way, and the two children fell through. The sheet broke rapidly, and the water was soon clear for some distance around them.

"Quickly the dog went to the rescue of the children and swam to the shore with them. He saw some people drive by in a sleigh on the road above, and he barked so frantically that they stopped to see what the trouble was. Then, of course, they drove the two children to their home. The big dog went along too.

"Now, all that was in the winter, but the children never forgot who saved their lives, and the mother and daddy of the children were, oh, so grateful! The people in the sleigh never admired any animal as they did the dog who had made them stop by his wise barking, and so the other day a real reception was held for him. At this he was given the medal. His friends wanted him to have something to wear on his collar so that people might see it and appreciate the bravery and presence of mind of the great, big splendid dog. The hero simply said 'Bow-wow!' when they fastened the medal on his collar. He wanted to tell them that he thought they were being very good to him, and he thanked them, but at the same time he was so modest that he didn't think he had been so brave. He felt any other dog would have done just the same, for, as he adored children and they were always so good to him."

TRACK MEET WILL INCLUDE ALL EVENTS

Definite arrangements for the proposed triangular track and field meet between the Salem Y. M. C. A., Willamette University, and Chemawa will be made Tuesday at a luncheon to be held in the association rooms. It was first planned to have only races but it has been decided to hold all the collegiate events, which include throwing the discus, javelin, the jumps, etc. A movement is on foot to have the runners for these races before breakfast.

Will Soon Complete Assessing.

County Assessor Ben F. West said this morning that three-fourths of the city of Salem has been assessed up to the present time and that he expected the work to be completed shortly. In the country districts the rain has hindered the work, he said, but he expected to first week of May would see everything cleaned up. He had planned to have everything completed by May 1.

HOUSEHOLD RECIPES FOR JOURNAL READERS

"He was a bold man who first ate an oyster."—Swift.

Oysters Saute.

Wash and drain oysters, season with salt and pepper, roll in fine crumbs, dip in beaten eggs, then roll in crumbs again. Put a little olive in the blazer, when hot put in the oysters, browning them on one side then turning over and browning on the other.

"And ate a lobster, and sang, and mighty merry."—Peggy's diary.

Plain Lobster.

Pour 3 tablespoonsful of lemon juice over the meat of one lobster and season with salt and pepper. Put three tablespoonsful of butter in the blazer. When it is melted add the prepared lobster; stir until hot and serve at once.

"Take every creature in of every kind."—Pope.

Shrimps With Peas.

A pint of shrimps and a cup of peas heated in a cup and a half of cream sauce are particularly good.

Lobster Salad.

Remove the flesh carefully from the shell of a lobster so as to keep the shell of the body and tail intact, wash and dry the shell and arrange on lettuce leaves. Marinate the flesh, cut into cubes, with French dressing. After an hour drain, mix with shredded lettuce and replace in the shell. Garnish with mayonnaise and lobster coral.

Fruit Salad.

Prepare 4 oranges, 4 bananas, half a ripe pineapple, and a pound of strawberries. Arrange the fruit in a salad bowl, making each layer smaller than the preceding. Serve with a good salad dressing and walnuts.

ENGLISH MONKEY.

"You must eat no cheese, it breeds melancholy."—B. Jonson.

INGREDIENTS.

1½ tablespoons full of butter; 1 pound grated cheese; 1 cup cream; four eggs; crumble bread or cracker squares.

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salt and pepper. Method—melt butter, add cheese and seasonings and stir; then add beaten eggs, diluted with cream, also crumbs, and stir until slightly thickened. Serve on salted wafers.

DIVINITY.

One-half cup of Karo corn syrup, two and one-half cups of sugar, one-half cup of water. Cook until it thickens. Have the whites of two eggs beaten very stiff and stir the mixture into them. Add a cup of finely chopped walnuts and beat. Pour into buttered plates and when cool, cut in squares.

Maple Sugar—1½ pounds white sugar; ½ teaspoon water; 1 teaspoon Mapleine. Boil sugar and water until it snaps in cold water, take from fire and add the Mapleine. Stir around sides until it grains, pour in small patty tins and let stand until cold.

Divinity Candy—3 cups sugar; ¼ cups Karo syrup; ½ cup water; 1 cup chopped walnuts; 1 teaspoon Mapleine; whites of 3 eggs. Boil sugar, syrup and water until it hardens when dropped in cold water. Remove from fire, and when bubbles disappear add slowly the white of three eggs well beaten. Beat until it begins to stiffen; then add the cup of chopped walnuts and pour on buttered plates. When cold mark in squares.

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